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Speech of Hon. Wm. Dennison.

[Delivered in Trenton, O., on Friday August the 18th.]

Mr. Dennison said:

My Fellow Citizens--If it were a matter of

absolute necessity, for me to make a lengthy

speech, to cover the various political questions

now attracting the attention of the people of

the country, I would attempt to do so, even

with my husky and broken voice; but as I am

accompanied by my friend Gov. Corwin, who is

to follow me, and as you all know he follows

very many things I should otherwise at-

tempt, I will leave altogether unaided, for

that gentleman to say in his own way.

I come among you, as many of you know, in

my character as a candidate for Governor. It

is a position altogether novel to me. My life,

so far, with very rare exceptions, has been

passed in a very quiet way, discharging what

every political duty devolved upon me as a mere

private citizen. Circumstances, to which I

need I need not allude, have brought me into

the nomination with which I am now honored

and I come here to-day to speak to you in

reference to the various questions which are

attracting your attention and the attention of

the people of the country. It is no excuse

to you, my fellow citizens, for any voter to

say that he will not vote for a certain party

professing some great principle that commands

his approval, because there may be some other

question that he does not approve. It is for you

to determine what are the great leading and

controlling questions of the time--those ques-

tions upon which the largest interests of the

country depend--and when you have honestly

decided that, it is your duty to vote for the

party which will give prominence and success in

the achievement of it, as upon the great question

between the Democratic and Republican par-

ties, the two great political parties now in

the field in this State.

If it be that, between these two political

parties, there are certain great leading and

prominent questions advocated on the one

side, by one party, and on the other by the

other party, and your judgment tells you

that the position occupied by the Republican

party is most conducive to the interests of

the country, I submit to you that you cannot

be the action in arraying the party opposed to

those principles against the Republican party,

though heretofore your course has been with

the Democratic party. If it be true that the

Republican party of the State is in the wrong

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to the development of every branch of material

economy as you are. I feel I would be doing

you an injustice if I did not call your attention

to some of these plain figures, which you can

and which are at your service. I have had

some tables prepared with care upon this sub-

ject, and give them to you, vouching for their

accuracy. By examining the records, you will

find that the entire expense of the State

Government, Ohio, for the general revenue

purposes, and the entire expense of the

payment of the principal and interest of the

public debt, during the year 1848, was

\$23,000,000 in round numbers; in 1849, \$27,000,

in 1850, \$31,000,000; in 1851, \$35,000,000,

making an aggregate for those four years of

\$126,000,000, or an average annual

expense these four years, of \$31,500,000 in

round numbers. Now, if you will come to the

days of Democratic Administration, com-

mencing with 1852, you will find that the

annual expense was, in 1852, \$37,000,000; in

1853, \$43,000,000; in 1854, \$49,000,000; and

in 1855, \$55,000,000, to which should be

added \$30,000,000 for interest on the public

debt, making an aggregate for those four years

of \$214,000,000, or an average annual

expense from 1852 to 1855, of \$53,500,000

annually, or \$22,000,000 more than the

average annual expense for the four preceding

years. So that you see the Democratic party, in

power, imposed a tax upon you, in more

than double the amount for the support of

your State government above that charged up

on you by the Whig administration from 1847

to 1851.

Mr. Dennison quoted the figures to show that

the same rate of increase in expenditure was

observed in the following administrations,--

from 1832 to 1835, during that part of the time

that the Democratic party held sway, as com-

pared with the Republican time. He also referred

to the Democratic defalcation, as reported in

the Gazette, from his remarks made at Lebanon

early during the canvass. He concluded:

PROTECTION FOR THE TREASURY.

During all these four years, when these men

that the Treasury was being depleted--

when they knew that Mr. Dennison was an

unflinching and honest man, they were being

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surplus in the Treasury of several millions,

and money was rapidly accumulating at that

time that there was a serious conversation among

Democrats as to whether there should not be

another distribution of the surplus revenue--

about \$10,000,000. I have had the same

President's knowledge at the door

of Congress, asking for relief. We find him

asking Congress for a loan, in the form of Treas-

ury notes, to the amount of twenty millions,

and to Congress would be all the

administration would want--that it would prob-

ably not all be needed.

In a short time we find this economical Ad-

ministration again in a state of financial

distress, and asking for twenty millions more, and

so it has gone on from that time to this, until

you have now a public debt little less, if any,

than one hundred millions of dollars.

ANNUITY.

In the mean time your public revenue has

been decreasing, your public debt has been

increasing. The promises given by

Mr. Buchanan, that he would enforce the

most rigid rule of economy in every depart-

ment of the public expenditure, that he would

relieve you of the burden of public debt,--

these promises have been violated and are

now in the course of daily violation. Your

government is in a state of financial

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